

DHS Releases State and Local Law Enforcement Resource Catalog

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Following the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission, Congress created the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) in 2007 to serve as the nonfederal law enforcement community's primary liaison to the Department. To effectively serve in that role, we work every day to get information and resources out of Washington, D.C. and into your hands.

Early last year, OSLLE took a big step in enhancing state and local law enforcement's access to DHS by adding four new divisions to the office. We also increased our efforts to address your issues, needs, and concerns by focusing specifically on making you aware of homeland security training available to nonfederal law enforcement.

This year, we are building on these accomplishments by broadening the scope of our outreach efforts and making information on DHS programs, initiatives, and resources easier to access than ever before. To do this, OSLLE recently released the first edition of *DHS State and Local Law Enforcement Resource Catalog*, which serves as an efficient way to provide you with information on the numerous resources available from across the Department. Included in the catalog are summaries and links to training, publications, newsletters, programs, and other services offered by DHS. The document is now available on dhs.gov (search: "Law Enforcement Resources") and will be updated on a regular basis.

As we move ahead, we will continue to improve your access to the homeland security information and resources that you need to keep our communities safe and secure. One of our main responsibilities is to serve as the advocate and voice for nonfederal law enforcement. As I stated in my testimony to the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence in February 2012, I believe this was the intention of Congress when it created and named my office, the Office *for* State and Local Law Enforcement.

Law enforcement has a vital role in keeping our homeland safe and secure. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with DHS.